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Lessons Learned from UNODC Vietnam, H68's Staff Capacity Training

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H68 project 'Technical Assistance to Treatment and Rehabilitation at Institutional and Community Level', funded by governments of Sweden and Luxembourg, is developed as a response to the urgent need for assistance in drug treatment and rehabilitation and HIV prevention in Vietnam. The project is executed by UNODC, with collaboration from the Vietnamese government counterpart agency, Department of Social Evil Prevention of Ministry of labour, Invalids and Social affairs, the main ministry responsible for drug treatment and rehabilitation. H68 is launched in August 2006 targeting 7 provinces.

H68 project's UNODC team comprised of an International Project Coordinator, a National Field Coordinator and administrative personnel. The deputy director at Department of Social Evil Prevention is appointed the National Project Director, the formal contact person responsible for providing cooperation services to H68 project. For specific tasks requiring professional expertise, the project relies on international and national consultants. In each project site, a coordination group is established by the project to act as the main advisory body for the project activities in the province.

The immediate objective of H68 project is to assist local partner institutions in the 7 selected localities in Vietnam to improve the effectiveness of HIV prevention as well as community-based and residential treatment and rehabilitation facilities. Emphasis will be on

- 1) the identification of needs and services available and the development of treatment models
- 2) the training of service providers and
- 3) data collection for the design of a monitoring and evaluation system.

The project will take into account relevant best practices and culturally appropriate treatment services derived from evidence-based models and foster the development of linkages between community-based and institutionalized drug abuse treatment services, as well as to general health and social services to meet other needs of the drug users.

IDI Activity within H68, Ausaid has provided H68 project with additional financial support after its launch to implement an IDI Activity 'Workforce development and local capacity building for improved drug treatment and HIV/AIDS prevention among drug users'. The immediate objective is to improve effectiveness of drug treatment programmes in Vietnam, Lao and China through improving staff capacity. The focus will be on training activities to build up local capacity concerning effective drug treatment approaches.

To serve the IDI component, H68 delivers a work plan to produce 4 outputs:

- Output 1) to complete training needs assessment,
- Output 2) to identify and develop a relevant training plan on drug treatment approaches,
- Output 3) to field test training plan by carrying out local workshops,
- Output 4) to deliver a regional TOT workshop based on the training plan